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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson

Serial No.: 09/618,037

Filed: July 17, 2000

For: SINGLE-LOCK ANTERIOR  
CERVICAL PLATE (AS AMENDED)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, the following  
amendments and remarks are submitted:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 540, 554, 559, 582, 587, 605, 612-620, 623, 631, 632, 640,  
and 641 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter and amend the claims  
(with the changes as shown in the attachment) as follows:

538. (Amended) A plate system adapted for use in the anterior human cervical spine  
for contacting the anterior aspect of at least two cervical vertebral bodies, said  
plate system comprising:

a plate having a longitudinal axis and a length sufficient to span at least  
two cervical vertebral bodies, a lower surface for placement against the cervical  
vertebral bodies, said lower surface being concave along a substantial portion of

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